



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

David M. Britz, et al.

Serial No.: 09/978,581

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**For: METROPOLITAN NETWORKS
BASED ON FIBER AND FREE
SPACE ACCESS DISTRIBUTION
SYSTEM**

Examiner: Tran, Dzong D

Art Unit: 2633

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A one-month petition of time to enable the time to respond until April 4, 2005 is being filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.